(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the statement made by Shri B Ramalinga Raju, the former Chairman of Satyam Computer Services Ltd. on 7.1.2009, there is indication of misstatements and falsification of accounts and financial statements of the company having taken place over the past several years.

(d) and (e) The statutory framework under the Companies Act, 1956, enables financial and other disclosures by companies and the necessary enforcement action by the Government in the event of any non-compliance/ violation in the course of working of companies. The Government takes necessary, appropriate action under the Companies Act, 1956 and other relevant laws, as warranted, in the course of administration thereof.

Drilling activity in Tripura

*36. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has minimized its drilling activities in Tripura now a days causing loss of work to the survey workers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the works of ONGC have been entrusted to some private companies; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has deployed three Departmental rigs in Tripura. In addition, one charter hire rig has been deployed with effect from October, 2008. During the financial year 2009-10, ONGC has planned to hire two rigs for enhancement of Exploration and Production (E&P) activities for meeting the additional Gas commitment for the power plants in 2011-12.

ONGC has opted for specialized contractual rigs in some cases in order to meet the time schedules with respect to committed work programmes, both in nomination and New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) acreages. While ONGC makes use of its own resources to the extent possible, some times, work is entrusted on contractual basis to undertake additional drilling and to meet specific requirement of specialized domain experts.

Strike in PSU oil companies

*37. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of the Public Sector Oil Companies went on an indefinite strike in January this year;

(b) if so, the causes that led to the strike;

(c) whether demands from the striking employees were pending to be finalized;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that the wage revision in the Oil Sector was not done since 1997;

(f) whether Government would consider wage revision in the Oil Sector; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A section of Officers of Central Public Sector Oil Companies had gone on strike from 7th to 9th January, 2009 in regard to certain issues of pay revision, such as risk pay, fitment benefits, quantum of DA to be considered for fitment benefits, periodicity of pay revision, annual/ stagnation increments, etc. Home Minister, in consultation with Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas; Minister, Department of Public Enterprises; Minister, Power and Minister of State, Finance is looking into the issue.

(e) to (g) Salarieis of Officers of Central Public Sector Enterprises were last revised (after considering the recommendations of the First Pay Revision Committee report) with effect from 01.01.1997. The Second Pay Revision (Justice Rao) Committee Report on pay revision of Board level executives, below Board level executives and non-unionised supervisors of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) following IDA pattern of pay scales was considered by Government and Guidelines for Implementation of Pay Revision *w.e.f.* 01,01.2007 were issued by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) on 26.11.2008.

Installation of PBNS at airports

*38. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to install Performance Based Navigational System (PBNS) at major airports in the country to ease traffic congestion and to reduce risk of accidents in air;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted preliminary tests of the system and to what extent such system has been found satisfactory; and

(d) the plans of Government to install such systems at all the airports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Performance Based Navigational (PBN) Procedures have been implemented in Mumbai, Delhi and Ahmedabad airports since August, 2008. As per operational feedback, application of the PBN procedures has been satisfactory. These procedures will be implemented at other operational airports in a phased manner.

Medical test of foreign pilots

†*39. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact Indian pilots are frustrated due to more importance being given to foreign pilots;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi